

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended): Defensive anti-intrusion vegetal hedge of the type incorporating plants having spines or the like, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ said plants are planted along a line defining the area to be protected, in one or two rows; ~~in that wherein~~ the branches of said plants are linked to branches of neighboring plants by interweaving said branches and/or by binding said branches by the ends thereof; and ~~in that wherein~~ it incorporates framing elements having pointed and/or cutting parts.
2. (Currently amended): Defensive vegetal hedge according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ it includes several rows of plants, planted while maintaining a gap in staggered shifting between the rows.
3. (Currently amended): Defensive vegetal hedge according to claim 1, ~~or claim 2, characterized in that wherein~~ the thorny plants used consist of plants cultivated in clumps.
4. (Currently amended): Defensive vegetal hedge according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the branches of the plants are linked and/or interwoven with the framing elements.
5. (Currently amended): Defensive vegetal hedge according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the framing elements consist of dry vegetal material.
6. (Currently amended): Defensive vegetal hedge according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the dry vegetal material consists of thorny species cut, dried and treated with, in particular, insecticidal, fungicidal, and preservation products.

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7. (Currently amended): Defensive vegetal hedge according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~
~~1 through 4, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the framing elements consist of metallic elements.

8. (Currently amended): Defensive vegetal hedge according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the metallic elements are in the form of barbed wire, concertina wire or the like, arranged in spirals inserted between the plants or into the latter.

9. (Currently amended): Defensive vegetal hedge according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~,
~~characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ it includes mineral elements partially driven into the ground.

10. (Currently amended): Defensive vegetal hedge according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~,
~~characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ it includes metallic framing elements anchored in the ground to which the thorny plants can be linked solidly through wire means.

11. (Currently amended): Defensive hedge according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~,
~~characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ it incorporates means for detecting presence.

12. (Currently amended): Method for the production of a defensive anti-intrusion vegetal hedge according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ it consists in planting plants having spines or the like along a line delimiting the area to be protected, in one or two rows, possibly incorporating framing elements therein, then in linking the branches of said plants to branches of neighboring plants and/or to said eventual framing elements, by means of weaving and/or binding.

13. (Currently amended): Method according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that wherein~~, before the operation of binding and/or interweaving of the branches, at least a portion of the latter is bent in order to be oriented substantially horizontally, after an eventual incision thereof.